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In re Application of:

Hisashi SEMBA, et al.

Application No: 09/758,317

Filed: January 12, 2001

For: A METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING AN  
OPTICALLY ACTIVE CYANOHYDRIN

Group Art Unit: 1626

Examiner: To be assigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment. The items checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

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Total	23	-	20	3	x \$ 18	\$ 54.00
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Subtotal						\$ 54.00
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TOTAL						\$ 54.00

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the  
following new claims 11-28:

11. (New) An immobilized enzyme in which (S)-hydroxynitrile lyase is  
immobilized in a carrier comprising a porous inorganic material.

12. (New) The immobilized enzyme according to claim 11, wherein said  
carrier comprising a porous inorganic material is selected from a sintered clay  
carrier, a silica carrier, an alumina carrier and a silica alumina carrier.

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